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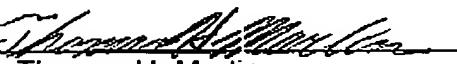
In reply to the Office Communication of April 6, 2005, Applicant conducted the review requested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Restriction Requirement dated August 26, 2004. Applicant is submitting with this Communication an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) listing co-pending applications of Applicant that set forth subject matter similar to the present claims of the above-identified application.

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